WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An endoscope hood comprising:

a cylindrical main hood body which has a central axis and is fitted around an outer circumferential surface of a distal end portion of an insertion section of an endoscope,

the main hood body including:

a fixing portion located substantially in a center as viewed in an axial direction of the central axis, the fixing portion allowing an inner circumferential surface of the main hood body to be forcibly fixed to the outer circumference of the distal end portion of the endoscope;

a projection projected from the distal end portion of the main hood body, the projection being projected in the axial direction by a predetermined length in a state where the fixing portion is fixed to the outer circumference of the distal end portion of the endoscope; and

a non-fastened portion located at a rear end of the main hood body, the non-fastened portion being fitted with the outer circumference of the distal end portion of the endoscope without being fastened.

2. An endoscope hood according to claim 1, wherein the non-fastened portion includes at least one finger-engagement portion which defines a predetermined gap with reference to the outer circumference of the

distal end portion of the endoscope.

3. An endoscope hood according to claim 2, wherein the non-fastened portion includes: a convex portion which is part of the outer circumferential surface of the main hood body, and which is projected outward from the outer circumferential surface of the distal end portion of the endoscope; and a tight-contact portion which is in tight contact with the distal end portion of the endoscope,

the finger-engagement portion being formed by the convex portion.

4. An endoscope hood according to claim 1, wherein the non-fastened portion includes a tongue portion projected rearward from a rear end of the fixing portion.

5. An endoscope hood according to claim 1, wherein:

the non-fastened portion includes a protrusion projected rearward from a rear end of the fixing portion; and

the fixing portion includes a to-be-split portion along which the fixing portion is split off when the protrusion is turned up and pulled.

6. An endoscope hood according to claim 5, wherein the to-be-split portion is a thin portion of the fixing portion, the thin portion being thinner than other portions of the fixing portion.

7. An endoscope hood according to claim 5, wherein the to-be-split portion includes cutout sections formed in the fixing portion, the cutout sections including a notch directed rearward of the fixing portion, and a groove extending from the notch toward a distal end of the fixing portion.

8. An endoscope hood according to claim 5, wherein the to-be-split portion includes a U-shaped groove formed in the fixing portion, a portion of the fixing portion which defines a bottom of the U-shaped groove being thinner than other portions of the fixing portion.

9. An endoscope hood according to claim 5, wherein the to-be-split portion includes perforations, the perforations being holes formed in the fixing portion in a row extending in the axial direction.

10. An endoscope hood according to claim 1, wherein:

the non-fastened portion includes a string member, the string member comprising an embedded portion embedded in the fixing portion, and a protrusion protruding rearward from a rear end portion of the fixing portion, and

the fixing portion includes a to-be-split portion along which the fixing portion is split off when the protrusion is turned up and pulled.